

during a distinguished career spent both in active duty and with the Army Reserve. He is also a member of the U.S. Army's Infantry Hall of Fame.

As a leader in Concord, Dan was a former president of both the Concord Rotary Club and the former Mt. Diablo Hospital Foundation, Concord campus, as well as a member of a U.S. Congressional commission that evaluated potential changes to the Department of the Army. He also advocated for the preservation of the Lime Ridge Open Space, helped establish the Family Justice Center, and was instrumental in the building of the Senior Center.

Sadly, Dan passed away in March at the age of 91. He was a cherished resident of Concord who dedicated his life to helping others. Please join me in honoring Major General Dan Helix for his many contributions to our country and our community.

BLAKE JANNEY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Blake Janney for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Blake Janney is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Blake Janney is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Blake Janney for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF FLONZIE BROWN-WRIGHT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a remarkable individual, retired Flonzie Brown-Wright.

Flonzie, a native of rural Farmhaven, Mississippi, is the only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Little Brown, Sr. She and her brothers, the late Sydney and the late Frank Jr. grew up in Canton, MS. She attended both public and private schools of Farmhaven and Canton, Mississippi. Flonzie received a Fain Fellowship and attended Tougaloo College, where her concentration was Political Science, PreLaw, and Black History. She graduated from the Institute of Politics at Millsaps College in Jackson and served the college as Vice-President of the Institute

where she taught, "Grass-roots Organizing and Campaign Management." She is the recipient of one honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters from Tougaloo College in 2018, and a Special Presidential Honors Award from LeMoyne College of Syracuse, New York.

Flonzie's employment and professional career has spread from the dusty roads of Mississippi to the White House as she interacted with many individuals of national prominence. She was inspired to become involved in the civil rights movement in 1963, just after the assassination of Medgar Evers. Her inspiration continues in a myriad of creative community initiatives across the country where she lectures and provides motivational opportunities to a cross section of audiences. She continues to be a much sought-after speaker.

On November 5th, 1968, Flonzie was the first African American female elected to public office in a bi-racial Mississippi town. She celebrated the 50th anniversary of her historic election in 2018. The position of Election Commissioner in Canton, MS, allowed her to correct many voting rights injustices throughout the state.

She authored and published her first book, "Looking Back to Move Ahead," in 1994. In 1999, the book became a Best Seller for an Independent Author. This memoir chronicles her growing up years in a small rural Mississippi town and salutes the involvement of scores of unsung heroes and sheroes who were similarly involved in the civil rights movement in the 1960's and 1970's in Madison County and Jackson, Mississippi. Flonzie worked with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Ambassador Andrew Young, Marian Wright Edelman, Constance Slaughter Harvey, Alice Walker, Judge Reuben Anderson and many other humanitarian activists, locally and nationally.

Flonzie is the recipient of more than 400 national, state, church, and community service awards including the National FBI Citizens Award presented by former FBI Director James Comey in 2017 in Washington D.C. She is a member of the National Association of Female Executives, NAACP, SCLC, NCNW, and Women for Progress, Inc., among other organizations.

She is president and CEO of FBW & Associates, Inc., a marketing consulting firm and is the founder of the Flonzie B. Wright Scholarship Foundation, a foundation designed to encourage students to stay in school. This foundation has provided more than \$45,000.00 in scholarship dollars and other enhancements to many students.

Flonzie is featured in the documentary, "Standing on My Sisters' Shoulders." This award-winning film honors African American and Caucasian women, who were involved in the Southern Civil Rights Movement, including Annie Devine, Unita Blackwell, and Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, to name a few. They were honored for their work at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. She has been featured in Purpose Magazine, Tomorrow's South, "Black America Series, Madison County, MS," "The Sip" and has self-produced two documentaries, "Standing Tall in Tough Times" and "Before I'll Be Your Slave." She has been featured in many other publications and documentaries. Flonzie gave the Keynote Speech in Dayton, Ohio the night Barack Obama accepted the Democratic Party's Presidential

Nomination, August 2008. Most recently, Flonzie was featured on the cover of the January 2018 issue of the Metro Christian Magazine.

Before relocating to Mississippi, Flonzie served the Miami University in Middletown, Ohio as Student Affairs Scholar in Residence where she co-wrote a new curriculum, "Black Issues in Higher Education." Even though her travels have been extensive and her achievements many, she simply refers to herself as, "Just a Country Girl from Mississippi who loves the Lord and ALL people."

She is a member of the New Hope Baptist Church in Jackson, and is the mother of three children: Cynthia, Edward (deceased), and Darrell.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life, legacy, and service of Flonzie Brown-Wright.

HONORING THE STATUE UNVEILING
OF EARL FRANCIS LLOYD

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the statue unveiling of Earl Francis Lloyd, the first African American to play in a National Basketball Association game. The City of Alexandria hosted a virtual unveiling for Mr. Lloyd's statue on Saturday, April 3, 2021.

Despite the challenges he faced in his personal and professional life, Mr. Lloyd was able to succeed while displaying compassion, leadership, and determination. On October 31, 1950, Mr. Lloyd became the first African American to play in an NBA game and played in seven games before being drafted into the Army. He returned in 1952 and played for the Syracuse Nationals.

Mr. Lloyd further established African American players by becoming an assistant coach with the Detroit Pistons in 1968 before taking over as head coach in 1971.

Please join me in commemorating the statue of Mr. Lloyd, a native Alexandrian who exemplified excellence throughout his life.

CONGRATULATING GREENEVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL'S BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING 2021
TENNESSEE 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a boys basketball team from Greeneville City High School, in our First Congressional District in Tennessee, that recently won the 2A State Championship. The Greeneville Greene Devils, under the leadership of Head Coach Brad Woolsey, and Assistant Coaches Nathan Hall and Josh Bennett, won its first state championship in program history just one year after the team punched their ticket to the state tournament that ended up being cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. That unfilled journey